water quality monitoring through independent agencies, and requirement of submission of a detailed O&M Plan by the State Governments before sanction of projects.

(c) and (d) The Ganga Action Plan (GAP), Phase-I, launched in the year 1985 to undertake various pollution abatement works for the river Ganga, was declared completed in March 2000 with the creation of sewage treatment capacity of 865 million litres per day (mid.) GAP Phase-ll, which also includes Plans for its major tributaries namely, Yamuna, Gbmti, Damodar and Mahananda, was approved in stages from 1993 onwards and sewage treatment capacity of 878 mid. has been created so far under the Plan. Water Quality Monitoring (WQM), undertaken by independent reputed institutions like Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL), Indian Institute of Technology (NT), Kanpur and Indian Toxicological Research Centre (ITRC), Lucknow indicate that water quality of the river Ganga has shown perceptible improvement at major locations over its pre-GAP quality.

CAG report regarding bungling in Project Tiger Funds

3255. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is bungling of Project Tiger funds in the country as per CAG Report;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Performance Audit of' Conservation and Protection of Tigers in Tiger Reserves' has been done by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 2005 (Report No. 18 of 2006). The said report has concluded that Government efforts had helped bringing into focus important conservation issues needing attention. It has also highlighted several longstanding problems with recommendations, which do not mention about bungling of funds.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Action has been taken for improving tiger conservation, based on the Tiger Task Force recommendations constituted by the National Board for Wildlife under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, which *inter-alia,* include enactment of the Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 2006.

Effect of global warming on India

†3256. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the warning of a scientist, Shri Nicolas Stern that India would be worst affected by global warming;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any plan to deal with this problem; and

(c) whether any estimate has been made by the scientists and mieteorologists regarding the places which would be affected and the degree of effect on them alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Sir Nicholas Stern, Head of the Government Economic Service and Adviser to the British Government has submitted a Report namely, 'The Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change" in October, 2006. This Report has assessed wide range of evidence on the impacts of climate change and on the economic costs and has used a number of different techniques to assess costs and risks and aims at providing global and regional impacts of climate change. The Report projects adverse impact for many regions including Indian region and the estimates, therein, are based on integrated assessment models and scenarios for future climate change and inherently involve several approximations. The effects of climate change on the Indian monsoon however remain unclear, as yet. As of today, for extreme events, there in insufficient information to assess recent trends, and climate models lack spatial details required to make confident projections. Further, as per information available with the Indian Meteorological Department, the surface air temperatures over the Indian subcontinent show a slight warming trend by about 0.4' C during the past 100 years. This warming trend is however not uniform either in time or space. Some seasons do not exhibit as much

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.